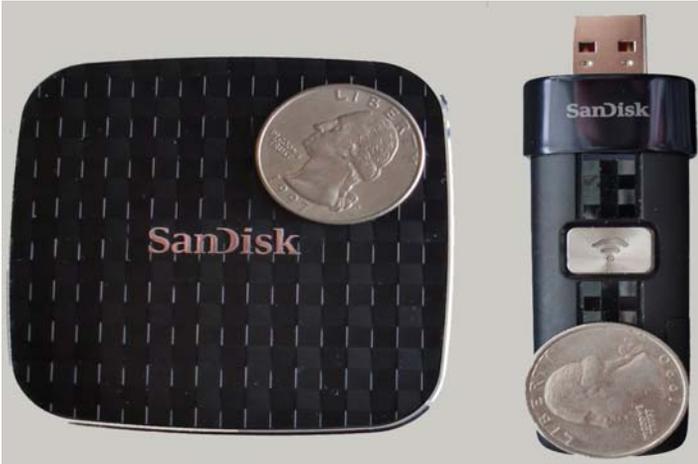


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SanDisk Connect Wireless Media Drive

The SanDisk Connect Wireless Media Drive is basically the big brother to the SanDisk Connect Wireless Flash Drive See photo 1. If you have already



read the Connect Wireless Flash Drive review you are mainly interested in what makes this larger unit different. The significant differences are the media drive can stream five videos at the same time (Flash Drive 3), its internal battery can supply up to eight hours of continuous streaming (Flash Drive 4), its flash memory is built into the unit (The Flash Drive's memory is on a micro SD card), and the media drive has a standard SD slot that you can use to expand its built in storage capacity. This wireless media drive is still physically small with a 2 ½ inch square body that is ½ inch thick.

Just like its little brother the Wireless Media Drive lets you view or share files between your computer, iPod Touch, iPhone, iPad, Kindle Fire, Android smartphone or android tablet at the same time. It supports two way communications so you can wirelessly upload and/or download files to or from this SanDisk Connect at the same time.

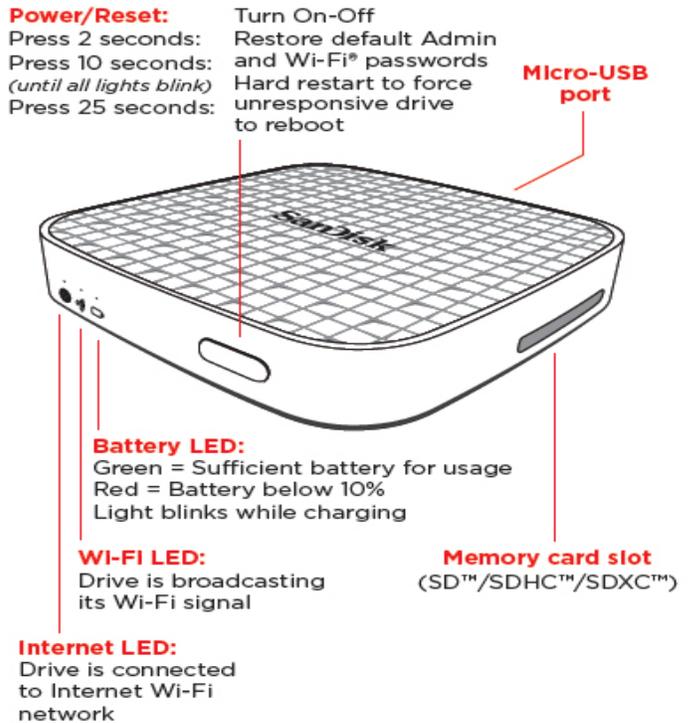
The SanDisk Connect Media Drive can be purchased with a built in storage capacity of 32GB (\$ 79.99) or 64GB (\$ 99.99). Since the unit also has an empty SD slot it basically has an unlimited storage capacity. Using your own SD cards you can instantly change the files that can be wirelessly accessed on this drive. The internal memory on the media drive has some supporting videos to help you become an

expert user. A full user manual is not supplied on the unit but you can download it at: http://kb.sandisk.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/12893/.

The first step to streaming everything is charging the Connect. This unit comes with a charging wire and a USB AC charging block. You can use the supplied wire to plug the media drive directly into your computer and while it is charging you can copy or move files to it as if it was any old standard external USB. To use it with your smartphone or tablet you need to download the SanDisk free Wireless Media Drive App from your mobile device's app store. See photo 2. The online PDF manual shows you how to setup standard Wi-Fi protection to prevent unauthorized access to your private SanDisk Connect network. The manual will also show you how to connect to the SanDisk Connect drive and also the internet using your preferred network at the same time.



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